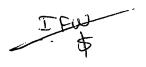


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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 - A Request for Extension of Time.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this Amendment.

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